TENTH DAY

(Monday, January 31, 1977)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

A quorum was announced present.

The Reverend Jerry Elwell, Heritage Baptist Church, Austin, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, January 27, 1977 was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Santiesteban was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Meier.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Senator Creighton submitted the following report for the Committee on Economic Development:

S.B. 78

S.B. 144

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

The following bills and resolution were introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee indicated:

S.B. 404 by Parker

Relating to supplemental pay for certain commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety; amending Chapter 181, General Laws, Acts of the 44th Legislature, Regular Session, 1935, as amended (Articles 4413(1) et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), by adding Section 17a.

S.B. 405 by Parker State Affairs Relating to the compensation of certain peace officers for court appearances.

S.B. 406 by Creighton

Relating to the composition of the Commission on Uniform State Laws and the terms of its members; amending Section 1, Chapter 415, Acts of the 52nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1951 (Article 1273b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); and declaring an emergency.

S.B. 407 by Clower

Human Resources

Relating to gas and electric meters for dwelling units in apartment houses.

S.B. 408 by Clower

State Affairs

Relating to the method of allocating delegates to state, county, and senatorial district conventions of political parties holding primary elections; amending Subdivision 17, Section 37, and Subsections (a) and (b), Section 212, Texas Election Code, as amended (Articles 5.05 and 13.34, Vernon's Texas Election Code).

S.B. 409 by Clower

Financ

Relating to the granting of credits against property taxes levied by the school districts of this state to persons who comply with certain energy conservation design standards in the construction or remodeling of residential structures; and providing for reimbursement by the state of the amount of tax credits claimed against school district taxes.

S.B. 410 by Clower

State Affairs

Relating to reinstatement of service credit in the Texas County and District Retirement System and the Texas Municipal Retirement System; amending Subsections 4 and 5, Section 6, Chapter 127, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, as amended (Article 6228g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); and amending Chapter 75, Acts of the 50th Legislature, 1947, as amended (Article 6243h, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), by amending Subdivision (d), Subsection 2, Section III, amending Subsections 4 and 5, Section VI, and repealing Subsection 8, Section VI.

S.B. 411 by Adams, Traeger

State Affairs

Relating to the creation of a fire fighters' relief and retirement fund; providing for the administration of the fund and the distribution of benefits; setting solvency and disclosure requirements for all fire fighters' pension plans; and providing civil penalties.

S.B. 412 by Harris

State Affairs

Relating to the operation of vehicles used to transport ready-mixed concrete; amending Chapter 293, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, as amended (Article 6701d-12, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

S.B. 413 by Meier

Education

Relating to admissions to public schools of law; adding Section 51.907 to Chapter 51, Texas Education Code, as amended.

S.B. 414 by Ogg

Intergovernmental Relations

Relating to creation of the Harris County Courts of Domestic Relations Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12; making other provisions relative to the courts; and declaring an emergency.

S.B. 415 by Patman

Natural Resources

Relating to records to be kept by the holder of a shooting preserve license; amending Subchapter D, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, by adding Section 43.0485.

S.B. 416 by Mengden

Human Resources

Relating to the rights of medical personnel and private health care facilities not to perform abortions.

S.B. 417 by Tracger

Relating to adoption of land use control measures to qualify for national flood insurance; amending the Flood Control and Insurance Act (Article 8280-13, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) by adding Section 10.

S.B. 418 by Brooks, Schwartz

Relating to the authority of the adjutant general to accept certain gifts, to purchase or exchange certain property, and to execute certain leases; amending Section 4, Article 5781, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended.

S.B. 419 by Jones of Harris

Relations Relating to fees in civil cases in certain counties for the County Law Library Fund; amending Section 1, Chapter 317, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 1702a-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

S.B. 420 by Brooks

Relating to periodic review and termination of certain state agencies and advisory committees.

State Affairs

S.C.R. 24 by Mengden

Jurisprudence
Recalling Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, of the 62nd Legislature, 2nd Called
Session, from the files of the Administrator of General Services of the United
States.

MOTION IN WRITING

Mr. President:

I ask unanimous consent for permission of the chief clerk or other proper party to make the necessary corrections or additions to all copies of S.B. 103 to correct a clerical ommission to said bill and add on page 3 of same between lines 7 and 8 the phrase "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas."

FARABEE

The Motion in Writing was read and was adopted.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

On motion of Senator Patman and by unanimous consent, Senators Farabee and Creighton will be shown as Co-authors of S.J.R. 19.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 330

On motion of Senator Lombardino and by unanimous consent, Senator Ogg will be shown as Co-author of S.B. 330.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

On motion of Senator Lombardino and unanimous consent, Senator Parker will be shown as Co-author of S.J.R. 2.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Message from the Governor was read and was referred to the Committee on State Affairs, Sub-Committee on Nominations:

Austin, Texas January 31, 1977

TO THE SENATE OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

To be a Mcmber of the STATE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND: For a six-year term to expire January 1, 1983: Mr. Sam D. Millsap of San Antonio, Bexar County is replacing Mr. Thurman Dobbins of Austin, Travis County whose term expired. Mr. John W. (Bill) Longley of Stamford, Jones County is replacing Mr. Irving M. Axelrod of Houston, Harris County whose term expired.

Respectfully submitted, DOLPH BRISCOE Governor of Texas

SENATE BILL 331 ON SECOND READING

Senator Sherman moved that Senate Rules 12 and 89 be suspended and that S.B. 331 be taken up for consideration at this time:

S.B. 331, Relating to permitting the Railroad Commission of Texas to transfer certain funds appropriated by the General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1977, from oil and gas regulation to natural gas utilities. (The bill having been submitted by the Governor as an emergency matter.)

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 2.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Doggett, Longoria.

Absent: Clower, Parker.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President laid the bill before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Cłower, Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Williams.

Nays: Doggett, Longoria, Truan.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

SENATE BILL 331 ON THIRD READING

Senator Sherman moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 68 requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S.B. 331 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Williams.

Nays: Doggett, Longoria, Truan.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Williams.

Nays: Doggett, Longoria, Truan.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban,

SENATE BILL 330 ON SECOND READING

Senator Lombardino moved that Senate Rules 12 and 89 be suspended and that S.B. 330 be taken up for consideration at this time:

S.B. 330, Relating to the creation of certain new judicial districts and the reorganization of certain existing districts; amending Subchapter C, Judicial Districts Act of 1969, as amended (Article 199a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), by adding Sections 3.044-3.066; amending Subdivisions 15, 52, and 69, Article 199, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended. (The bill having been submitted by the Governor as an emergency matter.)

There was objection.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Mauzy.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President laid the bill before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Lombardino offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

Amend S.B. 330 by renumbering Section 5 and 6 as Section 6 and 7, and inserting a new Section 5 to read as follows:

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated to the Judiciary Section - Comptroller's Department from the General Fund for the year ending August 31, 1977, an amount sufficient for the purposes of this Act and the Comptroller is authorized to make allocations from this appropriation to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

The committee amendment was read.

Senator Snelson offered the following substitute for the committee amendment to the bill:

Amend S.B. No. 330 by renumbering Sections 5 and 6 as Sections 6 and 7 and inserting a new Section 5 to read as follows:

Section 5. There is hereby appropriated to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department from the general revenue fund for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1977, the sum of \$400,000, or as much of that amount as is necessary, to pay the salaries and expenses of the judges of the district courts created by this Act. The salaries and expenses shall be paid at the same rate as is provided for district judges in Chapter 743, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975.

The substitute for the committee amendment was read and was adopted.

The committee amendment as substituted was then adopted.

Senator Moore offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S.B. 330 by striking the word "Grimes" and "Brazos" in the quoted Section 3.048 in Section 1 of the bill.

The amendment was read and was adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to engrossment.

RECORD OF VOTE

Senator Mauzy asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the passage of the bill to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Lombardino and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

SENATE BILL 330 ON THIRD READING

Senator Lombardino moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 68 requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S.B. 330 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Mauzy.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third réading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Mauzy.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Moore and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution was suspended to take up for consideration at this time:

S.C.R. 3, Creating Committee to select Texas State Artist.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

SENATE BILL 38 ON SECOND READING

Senator Moore moved that Senate Rules 12 and 89 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that S.B. 38 be taken up for consideration at this time:

S.B. 38, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to limitations on the liability of air carriers; adding Subsection (g) to Subdivision 3 of Section 6, Chapter 344, Acts of the 49th Legislature, 1945, as amended (Article 46c-6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Patman.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President laid the bill before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

RECORD OF VOTE

Senator Patman asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the passage of the bill to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 38 ON THIRD READING

Senator Moore moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 68 requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S.B. 38 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Patman.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Patman.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

MOTION TO PLACE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 37 ON SECOND READING

Senator Moore moved that Senate Rules 12 and 89 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that S.B. 37 be taken up for consideration at this time:

C.S.S.B. 37, Relating to the liability of the state for certain actions of state officers or employees; amending Chapter 309, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 6252-26, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

On motion of Senator Moore and by unanimous consent, the motion was temporarily withdrawn.

SENATE BILL 24 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Williams and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S.B. 24, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the issuance of a state parklands passport to certain disabled veterans; and amending Subsection (a), Section 13.018, Parks and Wildlife Code.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 24 ON THIRD READING

Senator Williams moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 68 requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **S.B. 24** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

GUEST PRESENTED

As provided in S.R. 87, Senator Moore introduced as a Guest of the Senate Mr. Paul Ott.

Mr. Ott entertained the Members of the Senate with musical selections.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19 ON SECOND READING

Senator Patman moved that Senate Rules 12 and 89 and Section 5 of Article 111 of the State Constitution be suspended and that S.J.R. 19 be taken up for consideration at this time:

S.J.R. 19, Relating to formation of associations by producers of agricultural products.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

Yeas: Aikin, Andujar, Braccklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Adams, Mauzy, Ogg.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President laid the resolution before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The resolution was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

RECORD OF VOTE

Senator Mauzy asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the passage of the resolution to engrossment.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19 ON THIRD READING

Senator Patman moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 68 requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S.J.R. 19 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

Yeas: Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Adams, Mauzy, Ogg.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President then laid the resolution before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The resolution was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Yeas: Aikin, Andujar, Bracklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabec, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, McKnight, Meier, Mcngden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Adams, Mauzy.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

SENATE BILL 187 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Sherman and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S.B. 187, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the advertisement of bids for material to be used by a county; amending Article 1659, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 187 ON THIRD READING

Senator Sherman moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 68 requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S.B. 187 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Navs 0.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

SENATE BILL 114 ON SECOND READING

Senator Mengden moved that Senate Rules 12 and 89 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that **S.B. 114** be taken up for consideration at this time:

S.B. 114. A bill to be entitled An Act permitting a voter who expects to serve as a poll watcher in an election precinct other than the precinct of his residence to vote absentee by personal appearance; amending Paragraph (a), Subdivision 1, Section 37, Texas Election Code, as amended (Article 5.05, Vernon's Texas Election Code).

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Brooks, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Tracger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Braecklein, Clower, Ogg.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President laid the bill before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

RECORD OF VOTES

Senators Hance, Ogg, and Clower asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the passage of the bill to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 114 ON THIRD READING

Senator Mengden moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 68 requiring hills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **S.B.** 114 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Braecklein, Jones of Harris, Ogg.

Absent-excused: Santiesteban.

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

RECORD OF VOTES

Senators Hance, Ogg, and Clower asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the final passage of the bill.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

S.R. 91 - By Doggett: Memorial resolution for Harry L. Wear.

S.R. 92 - By Snelson: Memorial resolution for Patrolman Sammy C. Long.

- S.R. 95 By Brooks, Mengden, Jones of Harris, Williams, Ogg: Memorial resolution for Morris Frank.
 - S.R. 96 By Adams: Memorial resolution for Coleman Cliburn.
 - S.R. 97 By Adams: Memorial resolution for Robert Nash.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

- S.R. 93 By Snelson: Extending congratulations to Mrs. Naomi F. Ingram.
- S.R. 94 By Snelson: Extending congratulations to Richard Senter.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Aikin the Senate at 12:04 o'clock p.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

ELEVENTH DAY

(Tuesday, February 1, 1977)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

A quorum was announced present.

Pastor Merle Franke, First English Lutheran Church, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

Lord, these days our attention is focused largely on crises that loom large on all our horizons—particularly the severity of weather and the shortage of energy.

We pray for relief from the devastation of nature's wrath and for the alleviation of suffering of our people. We pray also that we, as responsible people, may use wisely the resources You gave us in this good creation.

Perhaps the awesome power of nature's storms and the diminishing power to heat our homes will serve to remind us who it is that holds the ultimate power over all things...and that we must depend for all things upon You.

God, in this legislative assembly and in the private lives of all of us, grant us spiritual energy to empower our lives and grant us Your power to act responsibly in the trust that has been placed upon each of us. Amen.